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April is a breezy day;
A time for children to frolic and play.
A time for those many Spring showers;
And a time for lovely and colorful flowers,
To usher in the month of May.

Paul Wingle. Asso. member B.H.C.

South Bellingham Grade 3 1927-'28

Gertrude Rhodes, Teacher

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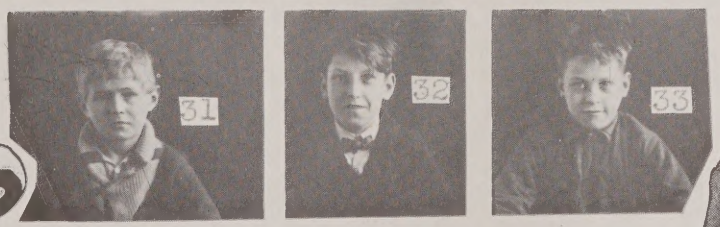
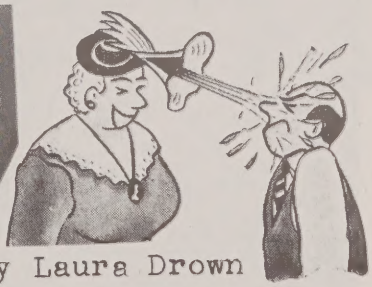
4. Alphonse Pelland
5. Vincent Forte
6. Howard Staples
10. Chester Struzik
11. James Christiansen
12. Willard Rhodes
13. Trudel
14. Charles Marchand
15. Leo Marchand
24. Edward Starzak
25. Arthur Debigare
27. Mavis Dufresne
28. Stacia Symanski
33. Roland Champagne.

Have you any idea who the missing names are ? Send them on. Thanks.

You were puzzled about our reference to the "Skunk Holla Express" in the January 1977 issue as to why it got that name? The Charles River running nearby from Caryville to the Midland Depot emitted rather "strong" odors from sewage and decaying plant life as well as skunk cabbage growing in the area. This "perfume" of a sort branded the railway line during seasons affected ! Is there another version ?

Edith Aldrich Teacher





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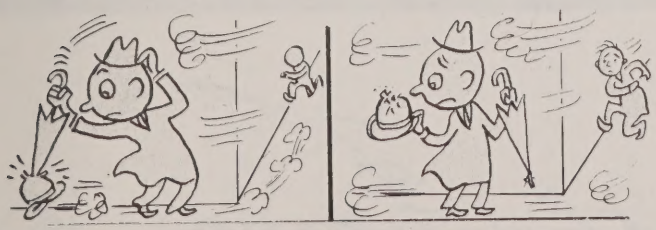
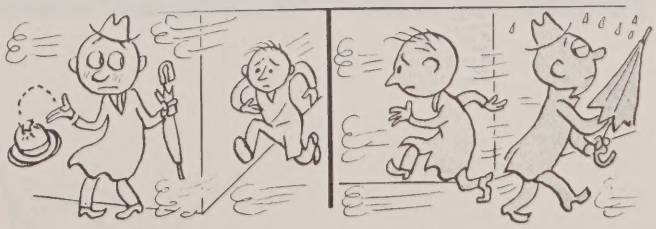


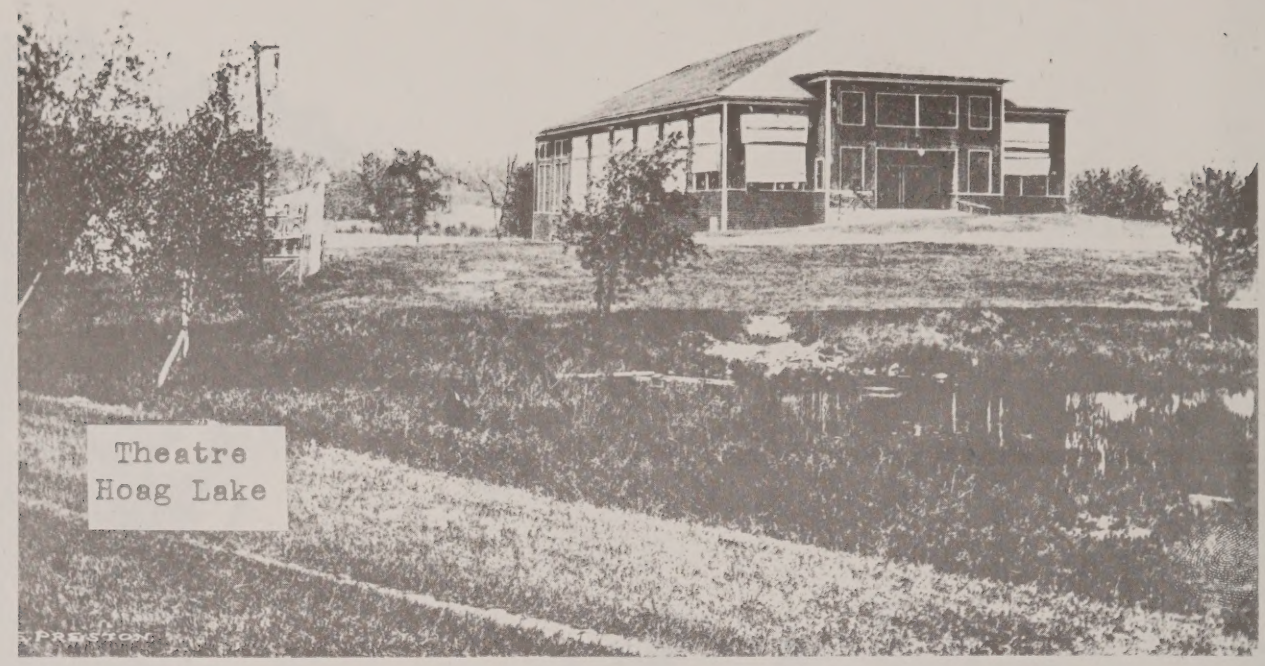


"Peletiah Smith Tavern" South of St. Brendan's Church. Site of Dea. Thomas Sanford's house built around 1700.

Donated by Francis D. Donovan, Medway.

Smith Farm, North Bellingham, Mass
1866.

VIEW OF HOAG LAKE THEATER IN THE TEENS.



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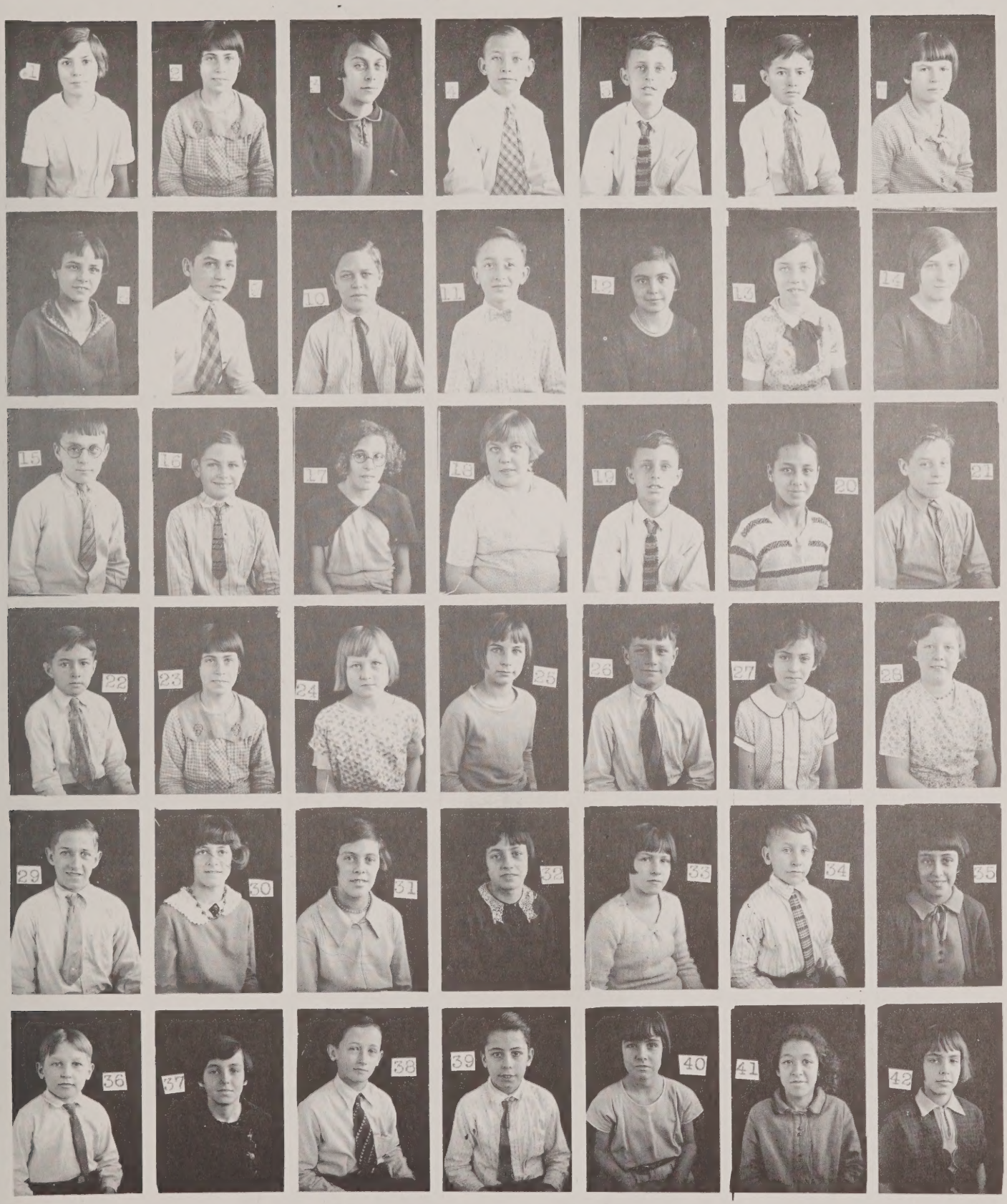
Public Library.

The Historical Commission have in their possession a small book dated Nov. 21, 1854, "A Catalogue of Books in the United Library Association Society. Bellingham Mass. Nov. 21, 1854." Herein is listed a total of 105 books available to readers.

At a Town Meeting held March 5, 1894 it was voted to appropriate the sum of $25 to secure the gift of $100 worth of books from the State and to elect six Trustees. An error in the Warrant made it necessary to hold another meeting for approval in Nov. 6, 1894.
So on Dec. 5, 1894 Miss Sara Tufts Rockwood became the first Librarian and Chairman of the Trustees.
She resigned Mar. 5, 1906 and Bertha Franklin succeeded her until June 30,1919.
On July 1, 1919, A. Evelyn Sackett took office until Dec. 31, 1924.
She was succeeded by Marie P. Cook on Jan.1,1925. She left Dec. 31, 1944 and enjoyed the opportunity to be situated in a new building in 1930. (present one)
It is still an active Library with Douglas Rendell at the helm.

South Bellingham Grade 5 1930-'31

Marjorie Daniels Teacher



18 Marion Barrows 28 Phyllis Rhodes

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It is always a special pleasure to present the 1978-'79 Graphic Arts Class with their excellent instructors, Mr. Lester P. Shea and Mr. Robert W. Bouchard. Of special note is that Mr. Shea has been with us from the beginning of the project in February of 1973. We are now in our seventh year. All this was made possible through the *Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School* to which Bellingham belongs.

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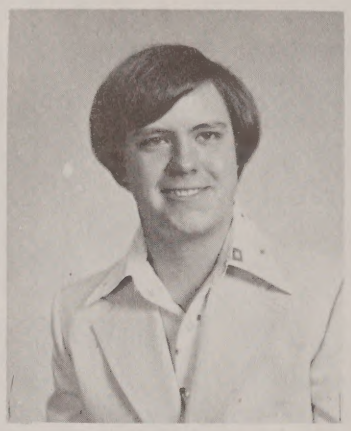

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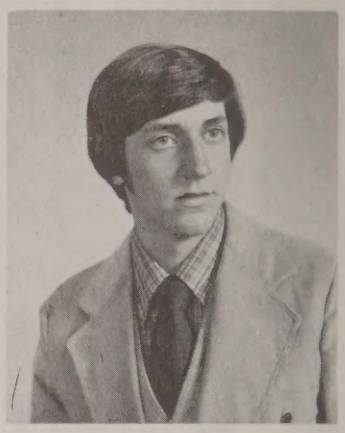
ELIZABETH DALEY



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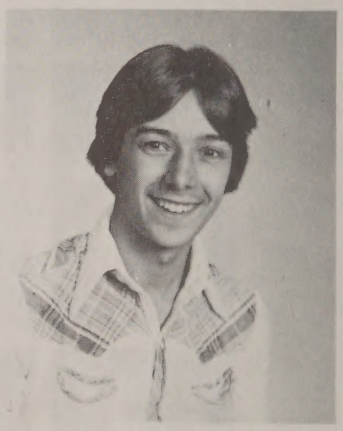

GERARD LaFLASH

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